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Kovir and Poviss

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The kingdom of **Kovir and Poviss** (also known simply as **Kovir**) is one of the Northern Kingdoms located on the Gulf of Praxeda. It is also the largest exporter of mineral resources in the known world, with huge profits resulting from trade. During the 13th century it was ruled by King Tankred Thyssen of the House of Thyssen, whose son Esterad maintained neutrality during the Second Nilfgaard War, refraining from lending coin

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General Information

Government

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or men to either side.[6]

Because it is so mountainous, the region is rich in mines. Kovir and Poviss export glass, salt, iron ore, silver, nickel, lead, tin, zinc, copper, chromium, titanium, tungsten, and platinum. The kingdom accounts for three-quarters of the world's ferroaurum, kryobelitium, and dimeritium and 80% of the world's gold.[1]

Status	Kingdom real union of Kovir, Poviss, and minor countries
Ruler	House of Thyssen House of Troyden (formerly)
Societal Information	
Capital	Lan Exeter (winter capital) Pont Vanis (summer capital)
Official language	Common Speech
Demonym	Koviran[1][2][3] Kovirian[4] Koviri[5]
Currency	Bizant (in Aedd Gynvael: mark)
Religion	Nordling Pantheon: • Lebioda • Eternal Fire Skelliger Pantheon: • Freya
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History

First Landing

The Dauk and Wozgor were the first people to live on the Continent, settling in the regions of Kovir and Poviss, specifically the duchies of Narok, Velhad, and Talgar, according to a classification by the historian Arnelius Grock. In the 760s, Nordling settlers began to expand, taking control of the once-wild lands.[7]

As the lands began to be colonized, the poverty of the locals was once literally on everyone's lips, in the form of antiquated common sayings. As recently as the days of Heribert the Quarrelsome, one spoke of a particularly impoverished person as being "poorer than a mouse from Poviss," called bone broth "Koviri delight" and referred to beggars as "praxedes," after the gulf along the shores of which these kingdoms lie.

State of Redania

Through the rise of Redania, many generations ago, Kovir and Poviss were officially made a member of the kingdom. King Radovid I, known as Radovid the Great, handed dominion and title of Koviri earl over them to his hated brother, Troyden, with one stipulation – that he never leave his newly acquired demesne and not interfere in matters of state.

Troyden's earldom

Handing over this rocky scrap of far-northern ground (where, the saying went, the year had two seasons – August and winter) was naturally meant as a cruel joke, a slap in the face for the overly ambitious Troyden.

Yet time soon proved that Radovid the Great had made a grave error. Before long it was discovered that Kovir's bare rocks hid priceless treasure in the form of enormous deposits of precious metals and rock salt. This discovery, in turn, led to tremendous growth in productive industry. Mills, forges, and workshops sprouted up like mushrooms after a hearty rain.

Independence

Radovid III decided to correct his famous forebear's mistake and take back the northern frontiers of his kingdom. He was convinced the combined armies of Redania and its then-ally Kaedwen ruled by Benda would quickly bring this ever more audacious vassal led by Gedovius in line. History took a different turn, however, and Kovir won a resounding, crushing victory. Radovid III was forced to sign the First Treaty of Lan Exeter, granting Kovir independence while binding it to eternal neutrality – a promise Troyden's successors have kept with great diligence.

Thyssen rule

After the death of Gerard Troyden, the line of succession passed to his grandson Esteril Thyssen.

In the Second Northern War, under the rule of Esterad Thyssen, Kovir and Poviss kept neutrality, providing a safe haven for refugees fleeing conflict.[6]

Even Esterad's untimely demise did not stop his lands from developing and blossoming under

to his extreme free market policy. Koviri metallurgists proudly competed with the best Mahakam could offer, and many believe the University of Lan Exeter long ago surpassed the famous Oxenfurt Academy as the leading seat of higher learning in the North. So it has come to pass that, over the course of a few generations, the Koviries and Povissites have turned from paupers into princes, from beggars into bankers.[1][8][7]

National emblems

The first known coat of arms and flag of the kingdom of Kovir and Poviss, used at the time when the realm was officially recognized by Redania and Kaedwen, consisted among others of Redanian Eagle and Kaedwenian Unicorn, as the royal couple were descended from ruling dynasties of both these kingdoms.[1][N 1] After the throne was inherited by House of Thyssen, the Redanian and Kaedwenian symbols were removed, and the currently used arms have been created during the reign of King Baldwin Thyssen.[9]

Originally, the flag of the kingdom was in reds and yellows, and consisted of Redanian eagles and Kaedwenian unicorns.[1] The color scheme was apparently preserved after the change of the dynasty, but the heraldic animals were replaced with House of Thyssen coat of arms, the armed arm.[10]

Recent arms: *Quarterly, I Gules an armed arm Argent (House of Thyssen); II Argent bendlets sinister Vert a pale Sable (Principality of Poviss); III per fess intended Argent and Azure (Duchy of Narok); IV Gules demi-eagle Argent (Margraviate of Talgar).*

Emblems in the infobox and below have been created by Wiki editors basing on official description and/or depictions.

Notable people

Monarchs

- Troyden
- Gedovius Troyden
- Gerard Troyden
- Esteril Thyssen
- Baldwin Thyssen
- Idi
- Rhyd
- Esterad Thyssen
- Tankred Thyssen

Notable locations

Territories, vassal states, and provinces

- Creyden
- Kovir
- Narok
- Poviss
- Talgar
- Velhad

Settlements

- Lan Exeter
- Pont Vanis

Notes

- Kovir and Poviss are portrayed rather inaccurately in regards to borders in the map made for *The Witcher 2: Assassins of Kings*. Strangely, the two are portrayed as separate entities, with Talgar and Velhad portrayed as kingdoms in their own right as well.

Footnotes

1. ↑ Note that the inclusion of Duchy of Narok into Kovir and Poviss first known coat of arms, as depicted here, is speculative. The "fan tradition" of including it in the coat of arms during House of Troyden period dates back to work of Adam Kromer, who made the coat of arms used in Andrzej Sapkowski's original website.

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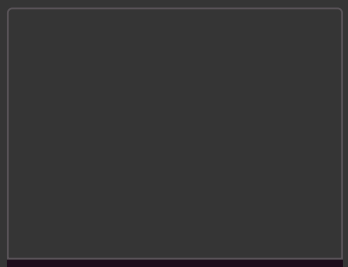

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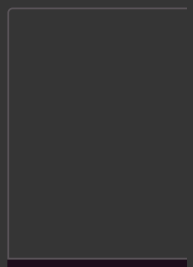

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